

January 14, 2014

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting, on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 9:00 A.M., in the City Council Chambers City Hall, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Elista H. Smith, Chairperson; Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman; John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Allen W. Floyd, Simon Jenkins, Thomas E. Shaw and Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; Charles L. McLain III, County Attorney; Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise was present and duly notified.

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Simon Jenkins to lead the Invocation, after which she welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

The County Attorney declared all office vacant and started with nominations for the position of Chairman. Mr. Troy nominated Mrs. Elista H. Smith for the position as Chairman. Mr. Floyd nominated Mr. Buddy Collins for the position as Chairman. By a vote of 6-1, Mr. Collins was elected Chairman.

The County Attorney opened the floor for the position of Vice Chairman. Mr. Jenkins nominated Mrs. Elista H. Smith for the position of Vice Chairman. By a unanimous vote, Mrs. Elista H. Smith was elected Vice Chairman.

The County Attorney opened the floor for the position of Chaplain. Mr. Atkinson nominated Mr. Simon Jenkins. Vice Chairman Smith moved that the nominations come to a close. By a unanimous vote, Mr. Jenkins was re-elected as Chaplain.

The County Attorney administered the oath of office to the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 10, 2013.

There were no reports given by Committee #1 or Committee #2.

Mr. Spence Jordan, the owner and manager of Martin's Motel appeared before Council to present information in reference to a homeless shelter. Mr. Jordan told Council that he has been contacted by local churches and family members concerned about their loved ones who need shelter. He stated that the property includes four buildings. Mr. Jordan stated that Martin's Motel has been self-sufficient in operating and offering assistance to the residents who have been referred for housing at a discounted rate. He stated that the resources needed include: access to grant writing for county funding to cover the cost of occupants who qualify for assistance, placing Martin's Motel on a referral list and a resolution and support letter. After a brief discussion by members of Council; Motion was made by Mr. Troy, that the County provide assistance to Mr. Jordan to accomplish his goal through the administration and Mr. Jordan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jenkins. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Collins thanked Mr. Jordan for his presentation.

Ms. Tan Kirby Davis, the President of The Kirby Resource Group appeared before Council to present a power point presentation in reference to Diversity and Inclusion. Mrs. Davis highlighted the key strategic goals and explained the purpose and roles of the committee. She stated that the committee is a standing advisory committee that supports Marion County in achieving the Mission and Vision statement. Ms. Davis stated that using the Evolving Leader model, the committee's work focuses on both the social and economic aspects of Diversity and Inclusion as a way of life, and a way of doing business. After much discussion by members of Council, Mr. Troy stated that all County employees should take this training. Vice Chairperson Smith stated that Ms. Davis has agreed to assist in getting this program implemented. Motion was made by Mr. Troy that each Council member takes this training and commit to the program to continue the development of diversity and inclusion effort. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously. The members of Council thanked Ms. Davis for her presentation.

Dr. Julie Norman appeared before Council to present a new logo design for Marion County Economic Development. She presented to Council three different logo designs. Dr. Norman asked Council to adopt design #3 Marion County Economic Development Commission it's just right. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Atkinson; after a discussion by members of Council; Dr. Norman stated that in regards to the County's website there are a few adjustments that needs to be made. She recommended removing a few links that have no information on the pages. The motion carried unanimously, to adopt the Marion County Economic Development logo. Chairman Collins thanked Dr. Norman for her presentation.

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The County Attorney presented to Council the parcels subject to a prescriptive easement for the West Mullins Drainage Project.

The Administrator updated Council on the New Administration Building. Mr. Harper told Council that the architects are in the process of completing the final drawings.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that Grice's Recreation Center has been completed. He told Council that the courthouse should be completed by the end of February. He also stated that the Sellers Town Hall is moving forward. Mr. Harper stated that the Sellers Community Center will be rebid. Mr. Harper stated that preliminary work is moving forward in Mullins, Nichols, and the Britton's Neck Fire Department. Mr. Harper told Council that the Boys and Girls Club did not want to be a part of the Nichols project. He stated that Nichols Council needs to meet and make a decision in terms of what they want.

The Administrator passed out information in reference to the Solid Waste Flow Control. Mr. Harper stated that Horry County Councilmen voted 6-5 to repeal the construction and demolition portion of its flow control ordinance. The ordinance will take three readings to pass. He told Council that third reading is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Harper encouraged Council to contact Horry County Council voicing their concerns regarding this said matter.

The Administrator told Council that Marion County Progress has started a membership drive. He stated that the membership fee is \$50 per person. Mr. Harper encouraged Council to become a member.

The Administrator told Council that the County has come to the final stage in getting the Howard B. Smith Site certified. Mr. Harper told Council that according to Alliance Council needs to submit a letter stating that the County will secure funding in the amount of \$803,000 for the installation of a 10 inch water line, once a prospect is secured for the site. Mr. Harper asked Council's approval to submit a letter along with the site certification. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Floyd, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator reported to Council that Nichols Foods has gone into bankruptcy. Mr. Harper told Council that the auditor was contacted regarding this said matter. He stated that there were two bidders Nichols Food and Performance Food. Mr. Harper stated that Performance Foods has agreed to provide food to the Detention Center and Prison Camp. Mr. Harper asked Council's approval for Performance Foods to fulfill the food contract through October. Motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Floyd; The County Attorney stated that the County has to rescind the current contract with Nichols Foods and draft a new contract with Performance Foods. Mr. Troy amended his motion stating that the County will rescind the current contract with

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Nichols Foods and draft a new contract with Performance Foods. The motion carried unanimously.

The Administrator mentioned to Council that the Marion Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Woodhaven.

The Administrator passed out information in reference to the SC AgriBiz & Farm Expo. Mr. Harper mentioned to Council that the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Year Conference will be held on February, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia, South Carolina.

The Administrator told Council that he received a request from Mr. Jackie Legette, II requesting permission to use the courthouse porch and staircase for his wedding on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Mr. Harper stated that he has a few liability concerns. Motion was made by Mr. Troy, that Mr. Legette provides the County proof of liability insurance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jenkins. (Mr. Floyd) voted against the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Administrator passed out copies of a 501 (c) (3) grant list of projects through PRT. Mr. Harper told Council that funding would run through the County to the various organizations.

The Administrator told Council that the County is in the process of submitting a JAG Grant application for In-Car Cameras for Marion County Sheriff Department. The grant includes 21 In-Car Cameras for a total of \$143, 991.00. Mr. Harper stated that the grant will require a 10% match. Mr. Harper asked Council's approval to submit the JAG Grant application. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator asked Council to table #14 Approve Marion County Industrial Park Master Plan. Motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Troy thanked the County Attorney for moving forward with the West Mullins Drainage Project. Mr. Troy asked Mr. Harper about the coordination with Grand Strand Water and Sewer, Marco, and the legislation regarding water and sewer. The County Attorney told Mr. Troy due to the holidays nothing has happen regarding this said matter. Mr. McLain told Mr. Troy that he would have more information at the next meeting.

Chairman Collins thanked Council for their vote and support.

Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Troy, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for economic development and a personnel matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Vice Chairman Smith, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Chairman Collins stated that no action was taken during executive session called for economic development and a personnel matter.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by, Mr. Floyd seconded by Mr. Shaw, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:00 P.M.

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Buddy Collins, Chairman

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Elista H. Smith Vice Chairperson

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John Q. Atkinson, Jr.

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Allen W. Floyd

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Simon Jenkins, Chaplain

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Thomas E. Shaw

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Charles L. McLain, III County Attorney

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Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council